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SUBJECT: ENERGY: EUROPEAN POSITIONS ON PETROLEUM AND URANIUM
ENRICHMENT

1. HENRI SIMONET, EC VICE PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY
POLICY WAS KEY SPEAKER AT ENERGY SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED BY PARIS
BUSINESS DAILY LES ECHOS ON MAY 3. MAIN POINTS OF SIMONET
PRESENTATION WERE:

A. PETROLEUM - 1) FOR NEXT 15 YEARS DEPENDENCE OF EUROPE
WILL GROW. THE ISSUE IS UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS DEPENDENCE WILL
BE SUPPORTABLE. 2) THE E. C. FEARS A SCRAMBLE FOR OIL FOR IF IT
OCCURS EUROPE HAS MORE TO LOSE THAN THE U. S. OR JAPAN WHO CAN
BETTER SUPPORT THE BIDDING UP OF CRUDE PRICES. 3) THE EC IS
PREPARED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE U. S. AND JAPAN REGARDING
COOPERATION BUT TWO CONDITIONS OF THAT DIALOGUE ARE THAT THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT BE FORGOTTEN AND THAT LANGUAGE WHICH
WOULD ANTAGONIZE THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES BE AVOIDED.

B. URANIUM ENRICHMENT - UNTIL 1980-1985 EUROPE WILL BE
DEPENDENT ON THE U. S. FOR ENRICHED URANIUM. EUROPE'S PROBLEMS
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ARE: 1) THE NEW AEC ENRICHMENT CRITERIA, WHICH THOUGH UNDERSTAND-
ABLE BECAUSE OF ASSURANCES NEEDED FOR REQUIRED AEC OR PRIVATE
INVESTMENTS IN INCREASED CAPACITY, ARE ONEROUS AND 2) THE DEBATE
BETWEEN THE CENTRIFUGE AND GASEOUS DIFFUSION TECHNOLOGIES IS SLOW-
ING DOWN PROGRESS ON EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT CAPACITY. SIMONET SAID
THERE IS A PLACE FOR BOTH ENRICHMENT TECHNIQUES IN EUROPE; A DECIS-
ION IS NEEDED NOW AND THE POLITICAL WILL WHICH SUCH A DECISION
REQUIRES MUST BE EXERCISED.

2. MARCEL BOITEUX, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE
DEVELOPED THE THEME THAT SECURITY OF SUPPLY FOR CONSUMING NATIONS
DEPENDS UPON THE U. S. POLITICAL POSITION AND POTENTIAL MILITARY
ROLE IN PERSIAN GULF, WHICH KEEPS KEY PRODUCING NATIONS FROM
FALLING UNDER SOVIET CONTROL AND MAINTAINS PRESENT GOVERNMENTS
IN POWER. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, HE SAW HOW EUROPE HAD AN INTER-
EST IN ASSOCIATING WITH THE U. S. BUT DID NOT SEE U. S. INTEREST
IN ASSOCIATING WITH EUROPE ON ENERGY MATTERS. EMBASSY ECONMIN
RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO PRESIDENT NIXON' S ENERGY MESSAGE,
KISSINGER SPEECH AND U. S. DESIRE FOR COOPERATION EXPRESSED IN
OECD. SIMONET INTERVENED AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
U. S. WOULD PUT ENERGY COOPERATION IN A PRIVILEGED POSITION IN
U. S.- EC RELATIONS BUT THAT IT WOULD ONLY OCCUR IN THE CONTEXT OF
OVERALL U. S.- EC POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY COOPERATION
AND STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD DR. KISSINGER' S SPEECH IN THAT LIGHT.

3. DURING LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SYMPOSIUM ANDRE GIRAUD ,
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COMMISSARIAT A L' ENERGIE ATOMIQUE, (CEA)
TOLD ECONMIN THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAD ASKED GOF TO PROTEST NEW AEC
ENRICHMENT CRITERIA, BUT GOF HAD REFUSED, FIRST BECAUSE, AS HE HAD
BEEN TELLING EUROPEANS FOR TWO YEARS, EXISTING CRITERIA WERE
UNREAL-
ISTIC, AND SECOND BECAUSE HE DID NOT BELIEVE A PROTEST WOULD MAKE
ANY DIFFERENCE. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE NEW CRITERIA SUPPORTED
FRENCH ARGUMENT FOR A GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT IN EUROPE.

4. GIRAUD ALSO TOLD ECONMIN THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAD ASKED
HIM IF HE SHOULD RAISE QUESTION OF COOPERATION ON GASEOUS DIF-
FUSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT HAD ADVISED AGAINST THIS BECAUSE
HE DID NOT BELIEVE U. S. WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY.
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